

## Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street Chicago, IL

## **Legislation Text**

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## PROPOSED RESOLUTION

## HONORING ASIAHA BUTLER FOR HER LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE GREATER ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Asiaha Butler is a Grassroots Community Strategist, Facilitator, and Education Activist; and

WHEREAS, Asiaha Butler is a longtime resident of Greater Englewood and is determined to uplift, inspire, and change the perception of her neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, She coined the name "MRS. Englewwod" after developing a blog that focused on the positive aspects of Greater Englewood and considers herself married to the community; and

WHEREAS, Through her dedication, passion and leadership she has worked with educators, concerned citizens, youth, parents, and elected officials to develop a comprehensive educational plan for schools in the community as well as engage residents in housing strategies, school repurposing efforts and other community development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, In November 2010, Asiaha Butler mobilized residents and co-founded the Resident of Greater Englewood also known as R.A.G.E., which she currently serves as President; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, she co-founded the Greater Englewood CDC with the mission to rebrand, rebuild and revitalize the economic conditions of the Englewood community; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Ms. Butler earned her Master Degree in Inner City Studies at Jacob Carruthers Center of Inner City Studies of Northeastern University Illinois; and

WHEREAS, She serves on numerous boards and councils through her neighborhood such as: Advisory Council member of Benefit Chicago, Member of New Englewood High School Steering Committee; President of Hamilton Park Advisory Council, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Asiaha Butler has been the receipt of numerous awards throughout her career. They include the 2017 Englewood Enterprise Award from DL3 Realty, 2016 Community Champion Award from Molina Healthcare, and the 2016 Woman of the Year Award from Psi Psi Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Asiaha Butler for transforming lives through community engagement

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners as well as the Board of Commissioners along with the 5.3 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognized Ms. Asiaha Butler for her invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to the residents of Greater Englewood and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to Ms. Asiaha Butler and copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.